— Academic staff colleges established for re-orientation of new university and college teachers.

— 27 Curriculum Development Centres in Sciences and Humanities established to modernise curricula. Model curricula has been prepared for 24 disciplines in under-graduate and post-graduate courses.

— Financial assistance provided by UGC for improvement in teaching and research under Special Assistance Programmes, like Centres of Advanced Study, CPSIP, COSIST, etc.

— Inter University Centres established by UGC to provide common facilities and services for advancement of research in the university system.

— Higher priority given to grant of autonomous status to selected Colleges and University Departments.

Presently, a Review Committee is reviwing all aspects of the education policy, including higher education.

Representation to Ethnic Groups in All India Services

2339. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to provide representation for all ethnic groups in the recruitment to I.A.S. and I.P.S. services;

(b) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu have taken up the issue of adequate representation in the All India Services for the people of Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether it is a fact that the people of Kashmir are not adequately represented in the All India Services; and

(d) what steps Government are going to do to redress these grievances?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) According to the policy of the Govt., till now reservation has been made in the recruitment to the IAS and IPS for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes only.

(b) The Govt. of Tamil Nadu had brought to the notice of the Cenrtal Govt. the inadequate representation of the people of Tamil Nadu in the All India Services.

(c) and (d) Recruitment to the IAS and IPS is made through the Civil Services Examination conducted by the U.P.S.C. every year all over the country. The successful candidates are selected on the basis of an all-India level competition. There is no proportional representation of the States in matters of recruitment. However, in order to give equal opportunity to candidates belonging to different States, an option is given to them to choose any of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution for answering the papers in the examination.

Environmental Clearance to Stage II of Vamsadhara Project

2340. DR. N. THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environmental clearance for Vamasadhara project-tage II has been given;

(b) if so, the details tthereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The project was rejected in January, 1986 due to non-submission of requisite environmental action plans.